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1. THE WORKING GROUP ON THE MOVE OF GENEVA UNITS TO VIENNA HELD ITS SECOND MEETING THIS YEAR ON MARCH 17. MR. CLAYTON TIMBRILL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES, DID NOT ATTEND BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULE. MR. BOURBONNIERE, DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SERVICE, UN-GENEVA, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED COORDINATOR OF PLANS FOR THE TRANSFER OF HEADQUARTERS AND GENEVA-BASED UNITS TO VIENNA, FIELDDED QUESTIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFFECTED UNITS. ACCORDING TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING, MR. BOURBONNIERE MAINTAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE POSITION THAT ALL DESIGNATED UNITS MUST MOVE TO VIENNA, JULY 1, 1979, NO MATTER TO WHAT PHASE OF THE MOVE THEY WERE ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED.

2. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCES, MR. BOURBONNIERE STATED, WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY DETAILS, THAT ALL PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE MOVE WERE EITHER RESOLVED OR IN THE PROCESS

OF RESOLUTION. HE ASSURED PARTICIPANTS THAT VIENNA WAS A LOVELY CITY AND EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE DESIGNATED UNITS WOULD LIKE LIVING THERE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE MOVE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED EASILY WITHIN THE PERIOD OF A WEEK, WITH EVERYONE REPORTING TO THEIR NEW OFFICES JULY 2, 1978.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE SITING OF NARCOTICS UNITS IN VIENNA, HE REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT THE IAEA AND OTHER UNITS IN VIENNA WILL NEED MORE SPACE THAN THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT, AND THAT THEREFORE THE OFFICES DESIGNATED IN 1977 FOR DRUG UNIT OCCUPANCY WOULD BE CHANGED. MR. KANDEMIR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, THEN INFORMED MR. BOURBONNIERE THAT DR. BRAENDON, CHIEF OF THE UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY, HAD VISITED THE PROPOSED LAB SITE IN 1977 AND AT THAT TIME AGREED TO HAVING THE TOP FLOOR OF ONE BUILDING EARMARKED FOR THE LAB AND THE FLOORS IMMEDIATELY UNDERNEATH ALLOCATED TO THE DRUG CONTROL UNITS. MR. KANDEMIR SUGGESTED THAT THE COORDINATOR GET IN TOUCH WITH THE LABORATORY PERSONNEL TO ENSURE THAT ANY CHANGED SITE WOULD SATISFY THE LABORATORY'S SPECIAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS. MR. BOURBONNIERE NOTED AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SUGGESTION.

4. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKING GROUPS MENTIONED TO MISSION OFFICER THEIR CONCERN WITH THE COORDINATOR'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT THAT THE NARCOTICS ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT BE ASSIGNED TO TEMPORARY OFFICES IN VIENNA UNTIL PERMANENT SITES COULD BE IDENTIFIED.

5. COMMENT.

A. MISSION HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (REF. B) THAT THE LABORATORY HAS UNIQUE SPACE REQUIREMENTS. (IT MUST BE LOCATED ON THE TOP FLOOR, AS IT IS IN GENEVA, BECAUSE OF THE HAZARDS FROM VARIOUS FUMES AND SECURITY FACTORS RELATED TO THE STORAGE OF NARCOTICS AND OTHER DRUGS.) THE COORDINATOR'S STATEMENT THAT THE LAB IS NO LONGER SCHEDULED TO OCCUPY THE TOP-FLOOR SPACE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED RAISES QUESTIONS WHETHER THE UN HEADQUARTERS INTENDS TO RESPOND TO THE LAB'S SPECIAL NEEDS.

B. THE COORDINATOR'S STATEMENT THAT THE IAEA AND OTHER UNITS IN VIENNA WILL NEED MORE SPACE THAN THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT RAISES EVEN MORE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION, SINCE THE ORIGINAL JUSTIFICATION FOR MOVING THE DRUG CONTROL UNITS TO VIENNA WAS TO FILL SPACE THAT THE VIENNA ORGANIZATIONS DID NOT NEED. MISSION IS AWARE THAT THE RECENT EMPHASIS ON THE IAEA'S ROLE OF INSPECTING

NUCLEAR FACILITIES WILL PROBABLY INCREASE THAT AGENCY'S
REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONNEL AND RELATED OFFICE SPACE
ABOVE THE ESTIMATES IN THE SYG'S REPORT ON UTILIZATION
OF DONAU PARK (A/C.5/31/34). MISSION RECOMMENDS DEPART-
MENT SEEK AN UPDATE FROM IAEA AND UNIDO ON HOW THEY VIEW
THEIR PERSONNEL AND OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENTS OVER THE
NEXT SEVERAL YEARS AS AN AID TO DETERMINING WHETHER
THE JUSTIFICATION FOR MOVING DRUG CONTROL UNITS TO
VIENNA IS STILL VALID. END COMMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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